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### Report Highlights:

Myanmar government officials confirmed an avian flu outbreak among the fowl population in the Monywa District (central Myanmar) on February 26, 2015. It is the first outbreak of H5N1 in Myanmar since the last officially reported incident in 2011, which occurred in western Rahkine State.

## **General Information:**

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#### Background Information

A statement released by the Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development stated that chickens and quails were found dead at poultry farms in the Monywa District, located in central Myanmar, on February 10. Laboratory tests confirmed the presence of the H5N1 influenza virus in the animal carcasses and officially reported on February 28. This is the third avian influenza outbreak reported in Monywa following incidents in 2006 and 2010.

According to officials in the Sagaing Region's Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, more than 1,400 chickens and 10,000 quails died in the Monywa District outbreak before February 25, due to H5N1. In response, Sagaing officials culled about 1,500 chickens and more than 20,000 quails in a 55 hectare (134 acre) zone. Local media reported that the poultry in the area are now under quarantine with no human infections thus far.

The announcement said biosecurity protocols in the affected areas have been tightened and guidelines have been established to prevent further infections. Disease control authorities have warned people to avoid eating infected chickens and quails and have advised the general public to inform health authorities if they observe animals acting abnormally. Sagaing officials have also imposed a temporary ban on the transportation of poultry across the region to prevent a fresh outbreak of bird flu.

Figure: Map showing some Avian Influenza outbreak areas in Myanmar

